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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Evelyn Nestlerode, Public Member, President
Dr. Sonja Biddle, Professional Member
Dr. Kevin Brown, Professional Member
Dr. Katherine Miller, Professional Member

Members Absent

Irvin Bowers, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Debbie Hamilton
Elizabeth Lewis
Carine Tata

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Biddle called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting. Dr Miller, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Internship Completion

Dr. Brown, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the Internship Completion forms submitted by Sarah Nowicki-Duczeminski and Emily Ridge. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dr. Biddle, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the Internship Completion forms submitted by Sonia Fernandez. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Reciprocity Application(s)

The Board reviewed the Reciprocity application submitted by Chelsea Ryzuk. Dr. Brown, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to PTD the application based on:

§ 2109 Reciprocity.

The Board shall waive the internship requirement for an applicant holding a valid license to practice optometry issued by another jurisdiction and who has practiced for a minimum of 5 years in such other jurisdiction with standards of licensure which are equal to or greater than those of this chapter and grant a license by reciprocity to such applicant.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Discussion of Proposed Changes to TeleHealth regulations as proposed by the DE Optometric Association

The Board members discussed changes/additions to the Board of Examiners in Optometry TeleHealth regulations. Dr. Biddle, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the changes and hold a Rules & Regulations Hearing at the April 12, 2018 Board Meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Discussion of potential regulations to clarify 24 Del. C. §2113(a)(6)

The Board briefly discussed the potential regulations to clarify 24 Del. C. §2113(a)(6). Dr. Miller, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle to table any further discussion until the April 12, 2018 Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The members of the Board discussed the letter submitted by Stella Ohanenye, O.D. concerning whether or not Delaware Optometrists can prescribe Latisse. The Board members agreed that according to: § 2101 Definition of practice of optometry, a Delaware Licensed Therapeutic Optometrist can prescribe Latisse.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Hamilton thanked the members of the Board for their taking into consideration and discussion concerning Changes to the TeleHealth regulations.

Carine Tata approached the Board to inquire about Reciprocity requirements for licensure as a Therapeutic Optometrist in Delaware. The board informed Ms. Tata that based on her qualifications and current supervision that at this time she does not qualify for licensure by Reciprocity in Delaware.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Biddle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal.